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MR. SPEAKER :—" One Minister can answer on behalf of another Minister."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" It is by mistake that the question has gone to the Finance Minister. Unfortunately he cannot follow Telugu and some of the Members are making long speeches."

Minimum price fixed for sugarcane.

* 121 *Q.*—SRI K. GOVINDA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government propose to issue orders to give any share in the profits accrued to the sugar manufacturers in the season 1952–53 to the sugarcane growers who supply cane to the various sugar factories in the State; and

(*b*) if so, what is the percentage of profit to be so given to the cane growers?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The hon. Member is apparently referring to the question of securing for the grower in this State something more than the statutory minimum price fixed for the 1952–53 season by the Government of India. If so, this question is now under the active consideration of the Government. The matter is under correspondence with the Government of India and it is not possible to say at present what the eventual decision of the Government would be. The Government will, however, spare no efforts to see that a solution is arrived at which will be fair both to the grower and the factory."

SRI K. GOVINDA RAO :—" ఇప్పుడు రాష్ట్ర ప్రభుత్వానికి కేంద్ర ప్రభుత్వానికి మధ్య సంప్రతింపులు జరుగుతున్నవని మంత్రిగారు తెలిపినారు. Factory యజమానులకు వచ్చిన లాభాలలో cane-growers కు share ఇచ్చుటను గూర్చా లేక చెరుకుయొక్క minimum price పెంచుట గూర్చా ఈ సంప్రతింపులు కొనసాగింపబడుతున్నవి అనే విషయమై మంత్రిగారు చెప్పగలరా? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" The rate fixed by the Government is the minimum price for sugarcane. Factories are at liberty to pay a higher price if they want and when they are able to. Recently the growers and the factory owners at a meeting of the Sugarcane Advisory Board agreed to a formula which was placed before that body by the South Indian Sugar Mills Association. Now the matter is before the Government of India and as soon as their orders are received, we will be able to let the hon. Member know."

SRI M. VEERABHADRAM :—" ఏదో ఒక formula ను తయారు చేసినట్లు మంత్రిగారు చెప్పారు. ఆ formula ఏమో తెలిపిస్తారా? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" It is known as the SISMA formula or the formula of the South Indian Sugar Mills Association."

SRI ALLURI VENKATRAMA RAJU :—" ఇప్పుడు చెరుకు ఉత్పత్తి చేసే రైతులు మిల్లులకు సప్లయిచేసే చెరుకు ధర చాలా తక్కువగా ఉన్నది. కాని పంచదార ధర పెంచడంవల్ల మిల్లులకు చాలా లాభం వస్తుంది. ఈ లాభంలో రైతులకు వాటా ఇప్పిస్తారా? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" You please translate that for me."

SRI K. GOVINDA RAO :—" ఈ formula ను ఆంధ్ర దేశంలోని అన్ని sugar factory ల వారు implement చేశారా; implement చేయని management ల పైన ప్రభుత్వం ఏమి చర్యతీసుకుంది? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" All the sugar factories except one have agreed to abide by this formula if the Government of India allow."

SRI K. KRISHNA RAO :—" On a point of order, Sir. The Hon. Minister said : ' You please translate '. Does the word ' you ' refer to the Speaker or the hon. Member who put the question? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" ' You ' when used in this House always refers to the Speaker."

SRI K. KRISHNA RAO :—" Does he want the Speaker to translate the question for him? "

SRI M. LAKSHMANASWAMY :—" ప్రభుత్వం ధర విషయంలో ఈ సంవత్సరం అనుసరిస్తున్న విధానంవల్ల రైతులకు చెరుకు పండించుట నష్టదాయకంగా ఉండుటచేత ఈ సంవత్సరం రైతులు నిరుత్సాహపడి చెరుకు వేయుట మానుకుంటున్నారనే విషయం ప్రభుత్వంవారు గుర్తించారా? రైతులకు లాభంలో వాట ఇచ్చే విషయం ఎప్పుడు తేలుతుంది? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" We may get the reply from the Government of India at any time shortly."

SRI M. JAGANNATHAN :—" Is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that, while the price of sugarcane has fallen considerably, there has not been a proportionate fall in the selling price of sugar, thereby resulting in enormous profits to the sugar manufacturers and may I ask what steps he proposes to take to tackle this unduly unequal distribution of profits? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" In view of the situation that has been explained by the hon. Member who put the question, the growers and the factory owners have come to an agreement by which the factories will be able to increase the minimum price of sugarcane payable to the growers."

SRI P. PUNDARIKAKSHACHARYULU :—" Do the Government propose to increase the minimum price of sugarcane in view of the prevailing high price of sugar? "

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THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" The question at issue is about increase over the minimum price and not the minimum price."

SRI R. VENKATA JAGGA RAO :—" ఒక్క ఫ్యాక్టరీ తప్ప తక్కిన వన్నీ ఈ formula ను అమలుజరిపినవని మంత్రిగారు శలవిచ్చారు. అమలు జరపని ఫ్యాక్టరీ ఏదో మంత్రిగారు తెలియజేస్తారా? "

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA :—" It is the Hospet Factory."

Grant of permission for bus routes.

* 122 *Q.*—SRI M. RAJESWARA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether there are any orders in force directing the Road Traffic Boards to give priority to individual Harijans or to societies formed by them in the matter of granting bus routes?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The answer is in the negative."

SRI G. NAGESWARA RAO :—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to say whether there is any definite rule in the matter or whether route permits for buses are granted at the discretion of the Road Traffic Authorities? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The Road Traffic Authority examines every application on its merits and grants permits subject to section 47 (1) of the Motor Vehicles Act and the rules in force."

SRI P. VENKATASUBBIAH :—" As Harijans and Backward Communities are economically backward, is it not proper to organize bus transport co-operative societies for them and grant route permits to such societies? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Though Article 47 of the Constitution provides that the State shall promote with special care the educational and economic interests of the weaker sections of the people and in particular of the Scheduled Castes, competent legal authorities have held that the grant or refusal of a stage carriage permit should be guided by the considerations set forth in section 47 (1) of the Motor Vehicles Act."

SRI A. VENKATARAMA RAJU :—" బస్ రూట్లకొరకు హరిజనులనుండి 8-50 a.m.
ఏవైనా అప్లికేషన్లు వచ్చినవా? ముందు దరఖాస్తులు వచ్చినవాటినల్లయితే ప్రత్యేకంగా consider చేస్తారా? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" There were many applications from Harijans and the only consideration that weighed with the Authority was whether that gentleman would give the public efficient and very good service."